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or Federal environmental, historic preservation or related requirements.

§ 316.11 Intergovernmental review of projects.

(a) When the applicant is not a State, Indian tribe or other general-purpose governmental authority, the applicant must afford the appropriate general purpose local governmental authority of the area a minimum of 15 days in which to review and comment on a proposed project under EDA's public works and economic adjustment programs. Under these programs, applicants shall furnish the following with their application: if no comments were received, a statement of the efforts made to obtain such comments; or, if comments were received, a copy of the comments and a statement of any actions taken to address such comments.

(b) Applicants as appropriate, must also give State and local governments a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project if the State has a Single Point of Contact review process, including comments from areawide planning organizations in metropolitan areas as provided for in 15 CFR part 13.

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§316.12 Fees for paying attorneys and consultants.

Grant funds must not be used directly or indirectly to pay for attorney's or consultant's fees in connection with obtaining grants and contracts for projects funded under PWEDA.

§ 316.13 Economic development information clearinghouse.

EDA will provide assistance and information as follows:

(a) Maintain a central information clearinghouse on matters relating to economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment programs and activities of the Federal and State governments, including political subdivisions of States;

(b) Assist potential and actual applicants for economic development, economic adjustment, disaster recovery, defense conversion, and trade adjustment assistance under Federal, State,

and local laws in locating and applying for the assistance; and

(c) Assist areas described in §301.2(b) and other areas by providing to interested persons, communities, industries, and businesses in the areas any technical information, market research, or other forms of assistance, information, or advice that would be useful in alleviating or preventing conditions of excessive unemployment or underemployment in the areas.

§316.14 Project administration, operation, and maintenance.

EDA shall approve Federal assistance under PWEDA only if satisfied that the project for which Federal assistance is granted will be properly and efficiently administered, operated, and maintained.

§ 316.15 Maintenance of standards.

In accordance with sec. 602 of PWEDA all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on public projects assisted by EDA under PWEDA shall be paid in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5).

§316.16 Records and audits.

- (a) Each recipient of Federal assistance under PWEDA shall keep such records as the Secretary shall require, including records that fully disclose—
- (1) The amount and the disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of the assistance;
- (2) The total cost of the project in connection with which the assistance is given or used;
- (3) The amount and nature of the portion of the cost of the project provided by other sources; and
- (4) Such other records as will facilitate an effective audit.
- (b) Access to books for examination and audit—The Secretary, the Inspector General of the Department, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any duly authorized representative, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that relate to assistance received under PWEDA.